



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 170 without my signature.

The bill would allow the Bale Grist Mill to sell grain products without meeting state food and grain safety requirements, and exempts the grist mill from having to register as a food processor provided that “best management practices” suitable to a historic water-driven grist mill are used and its products meet federal food purity standards.

Exempting these products by January 1, 2016, is premature, as no best management practices yet exist for historic water-driven grist mills. I will direct the Department of Public Health and the Department of Parks and Recreation to continue working with proponents on this and other potential solutions to help raise needed revenues.

Sincerely,

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